Survey of Railway Lines

† 3987. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway lines for which survey was undertaken in accordance with the Railway Budget for the year 2004-05;

(b) the progress made thereon;

(c) by when the construction work would be started at the surveyed sites; and

(d) the State-wise figures of the railway network in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Atotal of 72 surveys/updating were undertaken for New Lines, Gauge Conversions and Doublings during Railway Budget 2004-05.

(b) Survey reports in respect of 31 surveys have been completed.

(c) Taking up of projects or otherwise would depend upon the survey reports.

(d) The Statewise figures of the Route Kms. of railways at the end of 2003-04 is given in the Railways Year Book 2003-04 which is distributed alongwith Railway Budget documents.

Items for sale in AC Coaches

3988. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K.ANAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items/eatables permitted for sale in the AC coaches;

(b) whether noodles are permitted to be served in AC coaches; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R., VELU): (a) Standard meals, Breakfast, Tea/Coffee etc. and a-al-carte items are sold in AC Coaches.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.